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SUBJECT: CIVIAR - SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. DURING MARCH 20-21 VISIT TO ROME BY FAA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR PACE AND STAFF, HANDLING AND SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- CHEMICALS, EXPLOSIVES, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, ETC.-- WAS DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL PAA AND TWA REPS. (SEABOARD REP, BASED IN MILAN, WAS UNABLE ATTEND.)

2. AS DISCUSSED BY FAA STAFF, EMBOFF AND PAA/TWA REPS, TAKEOVER OF ROME AIRPORTS GROUND SERVICES, INCLUDING CARGO HANDLING, BY ROME AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (SOCIETA AEROPORTI DI ROME -- SAR) MAY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR PAA AND TWA. AT PRESENT, PAA AND TWA PROVIDE OWN CARGO HANDLING AND ARE THEREFORE ABLE TRAIN OWN PERSONNEL IN PROPER HANDLING PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED BY FAA REGULATIONS. IF AND WHEN PAA AND TWA USE SAR GROUND SERVICES -- TWA HAS NOT RPT NOT YET AGREED TO SO WHILE PAA HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO APRIL 1, 1975 DATE FOR TURNOVER OF ITS GROUND SERVICES PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT TO SAR -- THERE IS NO RPT NO ASSURANCE THAT US CARRIERS WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRAINING FOR CARGO HANDLING PERSONNEL. PAA AND

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TWA REPS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED SAR APPEARS INTERESTED IN

MAINTAINING TRAINING PROGRAM USING PAA/TWA TRAINING AIDS
AND PERSONNEL.

3. TWA REP INFORMED EMBOFF MARCH 25 THAT, IN EVENT TWA FORCED
TURN OVER ITS GROUND HANDLING SERVICES TO SAR, IT INTENDS
RESERVE RIGHT TO HANDLE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ITSELF. PAA
PREFERS HAVE ALL CARGO HANDLING PROVIDED BY SAR BUT TO
MAINTAIN CONTROL THROUGH PAA SUPERVISOR PERSONNEL.

4. EMBASSY INTENDS DISCUSS PROBLEM OF COMPLIANCE WITH FAA
REGULATIONS RE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL WHO HANDLE HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS WITH SAR OFFICIALS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.
EMBASSY BELIEVES SAR WILL PROBABLY COOPERATE BY (1)
PERMITTING PAA/TWA TRAINED PERSONNEL TO CONTINUE TO HANDLE
PAA/TWA CARGO (AT LEAST DURING PRELIMINARY PHASE OF TAKEOVER)
AND (2) ESTABLISHING SAR TRAINING PROGRAM USING PAA/TWA
TRAINING AIDS AND PERSONNEL. NEVERTHELESS, SITUATION WITH
SAR PROVIDED CARGO HANDLING SERVICES WILL BE LESS SATISFACTORY
THAN IF PAA/TWA CONTINUED PROVIDE THESE SERVICES THEMSELF.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT FAA REQUIREMENTS RE HANDLING
AND SHIPPING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BE DISCUSSED DURING
FORTHCOMING CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI UNDER AGENDA ITEM
ON MONOPOLISTIC SAR-PROVIDED GROUND SERVICES. VOLPE

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